

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Date: November 29, 2001

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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:  
**PURIFIED HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USE**  
without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
91 pages of specification and claims (including 14 numbered claims) numbered pages 1-59 and 63-94, and  
65 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
EP98870142.1	EP	24/6/1998
EP99870033.0		22/2/1999

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/304,194, 60/260,669, 60/315,765, filed December 1, 2000, January 11, 2001 and August 30, 2001, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

☒ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☒ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/355,040, filed July 23, 1999, which is a 371 of PCT/EP99/04342, filed June 23, 1999, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☐ The prior application is assigned to INNOGENETICS N.V..

☐ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☐ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☒ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☒ Other: 86 page paper copy Sequence Listing

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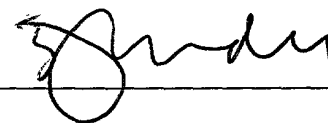
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